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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel  
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FROM : [redacted]  
SA to the DCI for Compartmentation  
SUBJECT : Non-disclosure Agreement

1. This memorandum, confirming my conversations with Ed [redacted] over the past week, requests that you devote whatever attention is necessary to provide a quick resolution of the NSA objection to a single secrecy agreement for APEX. In my view, the NSA objection is cultural and the problem may be insoluble. Nevertheless, NSA states that the problem stems from their lawyers and is legal in nature.

2. The need for resolution is urgent. The Security Committee seems to have reached an impasse. The APEX Security Manual for Government has received NFIB concurrence less that of NSA. I presume that the DCI will, within a few days, wish your advice on the NSA objection. APEX, more or less, is dead in the water until that manual is published. Planning for implementation, training for implementation, and the beginning of implementation all depend upon wide availability of the manual.

3. In addition, on 5 and 6 May, control officers and security officers of the existing compartmented systems and people with similar functions will gather from around the world at the CIA Auditorium to have APEX explained and to learn how to begin to train their people to train all the federal employees who will have some part in implementing APEX. We must know as soon as possible what we must tell this gathering to do. The Government Manual must be available, hopefully for them to read, before they assemble. A new disclosure policy agreement and text must be available, hopefully for them to read before they assemble. Enthusiasm for APEX is rare, difficult to engender, and hard to maintain. A good impression, consequently, must be made at the 5 and 6 May gathering or APEX will suffer.

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4. I recognize, again, that knowledge of law and logic may not be able to solve what may be basically an emotional problem. Still, your efforts to get a quick resolution of that which can be resolved, would be most appreciated.



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